

Emergency resternotomy for ventricular fibrillation

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A precordial thump may be successful if performed within 10 seconds of the onset of VF or pulseless VT; however, this should not delay cardioversion by defibrillation. In VF or pulseless VT , emergency resternotomy should be performed after three failed attempts at defibrillation.

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